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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, FR,IS
SUBJECT: FURTHER ISRAELI REACTION TO ABOU DAOUD'S RELEASE

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1. MFA SECRETARY GENERAL AVINERI TOLD US JANUARY 19 THAT
THERE WERE NOT NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ABOU DAOUD AFFAIR,
AT LEAST AS FAR AS ISRAEL WAS CONCERNED. A DECISION
WOULD PROBABLY BE REACHED EARLY NEXT WEEK WHETHER TO
DIS-INVITE THE FRENCH MINISTERS WHO ARE SCHEDULED TO
VISIT ISRAEL IN THE NEXT MONTHS. (SECURITY AS WELL AS
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POLICY WILL BE A CONSIDERATION.) AT THE SAME TIME A
DECISION WOULD BE MADE AS TO WHEN AMBASSADOR GAZIT
WOULD RETURN TO PARIS.

2. MORE GENERALLY, AVINERI SAID HE FOUND THE FRENCH
HANDLING OF ABOU DAOUD TO BE LACKING "IN BOTH SUBSTANCE
AND STYLE," AND IT WAS SURPRISING TO FIND THE FRENCH

DEFICIENT IN THIS LATTER ASPECT. GISCARD'S DEFENSIVE
TREATMENT OF THE ISSUE AT HIS PRESS CONFERENCE ONLY
UNDERLINED HOW BADLY THE FRENCH HAD HANDLED IT.

3. COMMENT: NOW THAT ITS POINT OF VIEW HAS BEEN MADE
KNOWN, THERE WOULD SEEM LITTLE REASON FOR THE GOI TO
TAKE FURTHER STEPS TO IRRITATE THE FRENCH. THEREFORE
WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE THAT THOSE FRENCH MINISTERS WHO
HAVE ALREADY BEEN INVITED WILL BE ASKED NOT TO COME.
HOWEVER, THERE IS A GOOD CHANCE OF SOME SLIPPAGE IN
THESE VISITS (OR OF THE FRENCH CALLING THEM OFF)
BECAUSE OF THE POTENTIAL SECURITY THREAT. THE
ISRAELIS WILL BE WATCHING WITH INTEREST TO SEE IF
DE GUIRINGAUD IS PRESENT IN BRUSSELS ON FEBRUARY 8
WHEN ALLON IS SCHEDULED TO SIGN THE EC ASSOCIATION
AGREEMENT. IN THE LONG RUN, HOWEVER, THE REACTION OF
JEWS AROUND THE WORLD (AND AT THE POLLS IN FRANCE)
MAY PROVE MORE TROUBLESOME TO THE GOF THAN THE OFFICIAL
AND INTERNAL ISRAELI REACTION.
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